



Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes 6/2/2021

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Attendance: Betsy Mc Ilvaine (Chair), Steve Harding Sr. , Nancy Power,, Lorraine Kelly, Ellen Melville, , Sue Balla, Elaine Tomanio Kevin Mc Caffrey Patty Buchan, Jo-Ann Gargiulo , Emily McPadden, Sue Slater

Absent , Sue Balla, Kevin McCaffrey

Had Quorum and meeting was on Zoom

No Public Comment

Meeting Minutes accepted

Robotic Pets were discussed in meeting in response to article New York Times

CT has approved legislation allowing for accessory housing without approval through local zoning board.

Discussed Affordable housing

Senior Center

Knitting and Quilting – Tuesdays

Men's Breakfast – Friday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m. Join us outside to enjoy breakfast with new and old friends. Bring your lawn chair and relax outdoors. In case of inclement weather, the breakfast will be cancelled. Register in advance. Requested donation is \$3.

Friends of Brookfield Senior Center (FOBSC) – Tuesday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m. Please join us as we discuss summer activities at the Center. Bring a lawn chair and join us under the tent.

Blood Pressure Screening - Thursday, July 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Let us help you stay on track with healthy blood pressure

Grab and Go' lunches are available. These lunches are available for pickup on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. with a suggested donation of \$3 per lunch. You'll receive two full lunches each day for a total of four lunches for the week. Use the enclosed registration form, if you're interested.

Art with Adele - Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Bring all of your own supplies and painting project and join Adele and friends.

Let's Talk- Wednesdays at 11 a.m. This friendly group will gather outside to reconnect and chat. Bring your lawn chair and join us.

Senior Center Book Club - Wednesday, July 28 at 1:00 p.m., Book Club meetings are the last Wednesday of the month. Bring your lawn chair and join us outside under the tent.

Social Services

From "Justice in Aging: On May 28, 2021, the Social Security Administration (SSA) began offering "express interviews" (EXI) at its field offices and Social Security card centers nationwide. According to the Emergency Message released on implementation of the EXI process, "EXIs are brief interviews, lasting approximately 5-7 minutes, which allow eligible individuals to apply for an original or replacement Social Security Number (SSN) card and submit necessary evidence in person."

Farmer's Market SNAP Program The Brookfield Farmer's Market now accepts SNAP and will double your purchase dollars. If you have a SNAP EBT card and enjoy eating and cooking good, farm-fresh foods, come on down to the Brookfield Farmer's Market (across from the Post Office) on Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. beginning June 18 and continuing throughout the summer.

Renter's Rebate Filing period is through October 1, 2021. You must apply every year to receive this benefit. If you turned 65 by December 31, 2020, you may qualify. You will need to provide rent and utility receipts for 2020 and a federal tax return

VIP Group The Vision Impaired Group (VIP Group) is meeting on Thursday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet outside for our July 4 picnic brunch.

Brooks Quarry

Still some openings, paperwork is being processed

Waiting for some services to be available

Sidewalk Project will get underway, very large project

Old Business

FISH program reopened

Drivers are willing to drive

New Business

Discussed need to go through a census of seniors 55+ living in Brookfield

Nancy Power, Elaine Tomanio and Steve Harding Senior

Will go through voting roles as way to determine number of seniors in town and to discuss potential outreach effort

Next Meeting 7/7/21